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Subject: 100% SAF Competition
Date: 09 November 2022 09:24:54
Attachments: [Line draw sheet for 100pc SAF competition - redacted.xls](#)

Hi [REDACTED]

As discussed, please see attached the redacted independent assessor scores and comments.
Please do not share this with anyone outside of those who need it at DfT.

Happy to chat and discuss the monitoring options in more detail should you have any further thoughts.

Many thanks,

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Subject: RE: NZTF announcement & award
Date: 18 November 2022 09:27:00
Attachments: [100pc SAF Transatlantic Competition - Recommendation from IUK to DFT.pdf](#)
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Hi [REDACTED]

As discussed here is a summary of our funders panel.

I don't think it is really possible to start any process without contacting the applicants as they do need to provide the basics like finance contact details and bank details, we can't really do checks until this has been done so we will have to wait if you don't want to notify the applicant.

We can essentially announce the winner whenever you want, however we would need to notify the applicant first, but we usually place a publicity embargo on them so we tell them not to announce anything as ministers usually like to do an announcement (or at least the relevant government department likes to do it even if not a minister).

I'm not entirely sure what you mean by announcing a competition outcome without formal grant award. Formal grant award is usually the grant offer letter, which comes as the last part of the contracting process (after all the checks etc.), if you wanted to announce the applicant as the winner before GOL that would be fine, but you would need to officially instruct us to start the contracting process and that you will be funding the project.

Do you want to have a quick call today? I've got time at 1400?

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From: [REDACTED]@dft.gov.uk>
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Subject: NZTF announcement & award

Hi [REDACTED]

Following our meeting on Tuesday, I just wanted to outline where we are with the net zero flight comp. I look forward to receiving the formal recommendation/pack from IUK.

We are looking to get approval from ministers by the end of next week so you can go ahead with notification, although this could very well slip. In the meantime, would it be possible to commence due diligence or any other parts of the pre-award process that don't require notifying Virgin? Although it sounds like you might need to reach out to applicants for documentation etc. so I recognise this may not be doable.

Another thing I wanted to check with you is what needs to be in place before we announce Virgin as the winner. We were aiming to make an announcement early to mid-December, but I recognise this doesn't allow enough time for all the pre-award activity to be complete & the grant to be awarded. If we were comfortable and we worded the announcement accordingly, would it be possible to announce the competition outcome ahead of formal grant award (with Virgin & partners' agreement)?

Essentially, we are pushing for ministerial approval ASAP so we can instruct IUK to notify. In the meantime, anything that can be initiated to speed up the next stage would be appreciated, and your thoughts on the announcement would be helpful.

All best,

[Redacted]



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Subject: RE: Net Zero Transatlantic Flight Fund
Date: 28 November 2022 12:06:00
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi [REDACTED]

They were notified last Friday and it is in project set up. They have been asked to complete/upload their project team and finance contact so we can move things forward.

Happy to talk this afternoon, I'm free at 1500.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@dft.gov.uk>
Sent: 28 November 2022 11:59
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Subject: FW: Net Zero Transatlantic Flight Fund

Hi both,

I was unwell towards the end of last week so didn't get a chance to follow up on this, apologies. Hopefully the directive I gave my DD was sufficient. I'd be grateful to know whether Virgin have been notified, as we are aiming to make the announcement next week so will need to start working with them on comms.

I am free this afternoon if you would like to catch up.

Thanks

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Subject: Net Zero Transatlantic Flight Fund

[REDACTED]

We have now received ministerial approval to proceed with the delivery of the Net Zero Transatlantic Flight Fund.

In my capacity as budget holder for the competition, I confirm receipt of your funding recommendation and give permission for Innovate UK to notify Virgin as the successful applicant, and commence pre-award checks. Please ensure an embargo is placed upon Virgin and partners so they cannot publicly share the result until DfT ministers make the announcement. DfT will be in touch with Virgin directly to discuss arrangements for an announcement.

Many thanks,

[Redacted]



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